Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Who made the enquiries?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The Director of Industries.

Mr. T. A. Ramchandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why no action was taken by Government against these newspapers when they made such false charges.

Mr. President: Order, order. I think the Government's time would be more than fully occupied if they were to take action in all such cases.

OFFICERS PUNISHED WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS

238. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have punished within the last ten years commencing back from 2nd December 1943 any of their officers who had been guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty "with a punishment of stopping of increment for three years without prejudice to his seniority";

(*b*) the nature of punishments awarded within the last ten years to officers who were found fault with "guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The punishments awarded depend upon the nature and seriousness of negligence or dereliction of duty, and the department in which the officer is employed. There have been cases of dismissal, suspension, fine, stopping of increment, censure, warnings, extra drill, leave without pay, discharge from service, degradation, reduction to the minimum pay from the maximum, transfer, change of section, blackmark, etc.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government will be able to give the number of such officers with a punishment of stopping of increments for 3 years without prejudice to their seniority.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* We do not know.

OFFICERS DEBARRED FROM ENTERING GOVERNMENT SERVICE

239. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of persons debarred from being entertained in Cochin Government service in future as per orders of the Government passed during the last three years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* A statement containing the information gathered is placed on the Council Table.

BUSES PLYING BETWEEN ERNAKULAM AND TRIPPUNITTURA

240. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to answer the following.—

(*a*) the number of buses now plying between Ernakulam and Trippunittura belonging to the C.T.S.;

(*b*) the number of permits issued by the Government to buses belonging the C.T.S.;

(*c*) are the Government aware that the C.T.S. was for some time transporting Anchal mails from Trippunittura to Mulanthuruthi and Amballur on bicycles;

(*d*) if so, what action have they taken in the matter?

Mr. B. V. K. Menn *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Three.

(*b*) Six.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The mail contractor has been warned several times and fined on one occasion.

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